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IMAGE SIGNAL DATA STRUCTURE, IMAGE  
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METHOD  
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Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 9-301148, filed October 31, 1997, and Japanese Patent Application No. 10-161096, filed June 9, 1998, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

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